

CHARITON COURIER.

O. P. VANDIVER, ED. AND PROP.
KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI.

Congressional Vote.

The esteemed Chillicothe Constitution says: "Official returns have been received at this office from every county in the Second congressional district except Sullivan, and the figures show Rucker to have carried the district by 4,340, or 4,000 less than in 1900."

The Constitution's "returns" must have been by "grape vine" and the editor must have cast aside Cook's manual for 1901-1902.

The total vote for candidates for congress in 1900 was 43,636; of this vote Rucker received a majority of 6,456.

The vote cast at the recent election, by counties, was as follows:

	RUCKER,	SCHMITZ.
Carroll	2,909	2,690
Chariton	2,057	962
Grundey	592	1,253
Linn	2,576	2,452
Livingston	2,048	931
Monroe	2,893	401
Randolph	2,704	1,304
Sullivan	2,266	2,250

Total - 18,045 13,293
Rucker's majority, 4,752.

This is exactly 1,704 less than his majority in 1900, though the total vote of the district fell off 12,238—most of the shortage being in the big Democratic counties.

We are pleased to call attention to the fact that Rucker led the state ticket in every county in his district.

THE many nice things that are being said about Hon. W. A. Rothwell of Moberly, chairman of the state Democratic central committee, are richly deserved. He conducted a thorough, aggressive, high-minded and honorable campaign, and the result was an increased majority for the party he loves so well and delights to do honor. Such intelligent and enthusiastic and indefatigable young men as Will A. Rothwell are the bone and sinew of the Democratic party, and where they lead no honest man, who has the good of his state and country at heart, need fear to follow.

THE conviction of Edward Butler of St. Louis of the charge of bribery by a Boone county jury, composed nearly altogether of Democrats, proves that the men, who passed upon Butler's guilt and sentenced him to the penitentiary for three years, were no respecter of person, for they did not flinch in doing their duty, notwithstanding Butler's powerful influence as a political boss in the Democratic party. Butler was a boodler and the jury meted out to him such punishment as they thought he deserved, evidently believing that crime should be punished in high as well as low places. All honor to such a jury!

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. Ira Hocker of St. Louis, formerly Miss Floy Whitesides of Keytesville, has been dangerously ill of typhoid fever, but is now, we are glad to learn, improving. Her mother, Mrs. L. L. Whitesides of this city, is an attendance upon Mrs. Hocker's bedside.

Miss Jessie Jefferson, one of Keytesville's most amiable young ladies, returned home Tuesday from Kansas City, where she held a position in a millinery store this season. She is glad to get back, but not any more so than her friends are glad to have her with them again.

M. R. Courtney of Keytesville, who is classed among Chariton county's best stockmen, shipped three carloads of fat steers to St. Louis Tuesday night, as did also Jas. E. Dempsey and A. S. Taylor one carload, each. Messrs. Courtney, Dempsey and Taylor accompanied the shipments to the city.

Quite a sporting event took place in Keytesville Monday afternoon when Lute Vaughn of Sumner and J. Elliott Martin of Keytesville ran a footrace of 100 yards for a purse of \$10 a side. The Keytesville sprinter won the race by two or three feet. The race took place out near the graveyard, and some think the reason Elliott ran so fast was because he saw a ghost.

The preaching services at the Methodist church each evening of this week, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Rob't McIlvoy, have been very interesting and instructive. Among the topics discussed have been: "The New Birth," "The Witness of the Spirit," and "The Work of the Spirit in Conversion." The manner in which these topics were treated showed the preacher to be well versed in scripture and the doctrines of his church on these vital points. Owing to circuit court being held each night the congregations have been rather small.

Quite an honor, but one wholly merited, has been conferred upon our distinguished friend and fellow-citizen, Hon. C. B. Crawley, who has been appointed as commissioner by the supreme court, of Missouri, in the suit of Attorney-General Crow against the insurance companies, and which is known as "the insurance trust case." The purpose of appointing Mr. Crawley commissioner is to have him take the testimony in the case and make report as to the facts found. Mr. Crawley is an able lawyer and is eminently a fair-minded man, and we do not believe the supreme court could have made a better appointment.

Our esteemed fellow-townsmen, T. J. Martin, who was appointed special license commissioner by Gov. A. M. Dockery, had to part with his official toga because of the ruling of the Missouri supreme court declaring the law, passed by the last legislature, taxing whiskey, brandy and wine ten cents a gallon, to be unconstitutional, a test case having been appealed to the supreme court from Bates county. The supreme court held, as did the circuit judge in the lower court, that the law was purely a revenue measure, and was not for the purpose of regulating the manufacture or sale of whiskey, etc., and, therefore, could not stand. Mr. Martin's duties were to collect this special tax, and his office carried with it a salary of \$3,000 a year. He had collected from about 2,100 dealers, including saloon-keepers and druggists in this state, who were required to pay ten cents a gallon on every gallon of whiskey, brandy or wine they bought. The next legislature will doubtless make an appropriation to reimburse all dealers who have paid the tax. Now that Mr. Martin has lost his piece of official pie the COURIER would be glad to see Gov. Dockery appoint him commissioner of insurance, Edward Gates having resigned that office. Certainly Chariton county is entitled to recognition at the hands of Gov. Dockery, and we believe when a fellow loses his "pie" without its being any fault of his he is justly entitled to another slice of pastry.

Cupid's Capers.

KAISER-MEYER:—Otto R. Kaiser and Miss Emma L. Meyer, both of Brunswick, were married in that city Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1902, Rev. F. G. Walther making the twin one.

DUPUY-HARRIS:—S. T. Dupuy of Marion, Ky., and Miss Julia Harris of Brunswick were married in Brunswick Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1902, Eld. J. H. Crutcher tying the nuptial knot.

LAKE-EDMONSON:—Fred Lake and Miss Alta Edmonson, both

of Prairie Hill, were married at Salisbury Sunday, Nov. 16, 1902, Eld. W. D. McCully sealing the plighted vows.

Letter List.

The following is a complete list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office Nov. 21, 1902:

Frank Conrad, J. W. Moon,
Miss Carrie Strother, Mrs. Carrie Turner,
Frank Edwards.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."
W. C. GASTON, P. M.

Visiting Attorneys.

Besides the members of the Chariton county bar we have noticed the following attorneys in attendance at circuit court this week:

J. W. McFall and C. M. Kendrick, Marceline; Virgil Conkling and R. F. Lozier, Carrollton; H. K. West and T. M. Bresnehen, Brookfield; R. M. Bagby, Fayette; E. W. Henry, R. B. Caples and Percival Birch, Glasgow, and Judge J. F. Hicklin, Gallatin.

Roll of Honor.

Our appreciative acknowledgments are made to the following friends, who have either become new subscribers or have renewed their subscription to the COURIER during the past two weeks. May heaven bless 'em:

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. A. L. Wood, I. S. Smith,
Ernest Wiley, Eastwood & Son,
Felix Dooley, T. J. Clarkson,
Mrs. Wm. Elmore, Mrs. Mollie Chane

RENEWALS.

J. P. Burris, J. A. Piper,
Simon Bittaker, L. Y. Cross,
Mrs. Wm. McKee, Dr. P. R. Tainter,
Wm. Strengle, J. T. Hartman,
C. M. Woods, Dr. W. J. Billeter,
Henry Golt, Chris Gladbach,
Jake Kornbrust, J. E. Harvey,
A. B. Brown, F. M. Bash,
Thos. Trow, Louis Fetzner,
J. D. Moorman, W. G. Nelson,
J. C. Maddox, Jos. Lanhoff.

Probate Pointers.

George W. Rucker appointed guardian and curator of the estate of Ann E. Cross, vice John Knappenberger, deceased.

Citation ordered to third day of February, 1903, term of this court to Jos. S. Finks, guardian and curator of the heirs of A. J. Ray.

M. A. Knappenberger, executor of the estate of John Knappenberger, deceased, files inventory of said estate, which is examined and approved.

J. B. Dameron presents his final settlement as administrator of the estate of T. J. Mott, and there being no estate, said administrator is discharged.

J. B. Dameron, guardian and curator of the heirs of W. A. Williams, files proof of payment of balance on final settlement, and guardian and curator is discharged.

J. B. Dameron, administrator of the estate of Margaret Beigel, presents receipts showing compliance with order of distribution on final settlement, and administrator is discharged.

Minerva Pinnell, administratrix of the estate of Mary E. Armentrout, presents her final settlement, which is examined and approved; estate fully administered and administratrix discharged.

J. O. Richardson, administrator of the estate of J. W. F. Richardson, deceased, presents his final settlement, which is examined and approved; estate fully administered and administrator discharged.

Louis Hansman, administrator of the partnership estate of J. F. Hansman & Bro., files report of sale of one-half interest in saloon fixtures and icehouse to Geo. W. Schell for \$1,009.81, which is approved by the court.

Phoebe Franklin, guardian and curator of the heirs of

Special Sale . . .



OF

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Cloaks,

Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits and Overcoats at 25 per cent Discount.

Will pay Railroad fare on all purchases of \$10 or over

THE BIG STORE,
Eli Shire, Prop.,
Salisbury, Mo.

Benjamin A. Franklin, deceased, presents her final settlement, which is examined and approved; estate exhausted and guardian and curator discharged.

John R. Purkerson, administrator of the estate of Richard Purkerson, deceased, presents proof of his final settlement, which is examined and approved; estate fully administered and administrator discharged.

On the application of Ella G. Holly, widow of James Holly, it is ordered that property belonging to said James Holly's estate be and is turned over to said widow without administration, the same being no greater in value than the absolute allowance of widow.

Wm. R. Klepper, guardian and curator of Ruth M. Klepper, minor heir of Jos. A. Klepper, presents report of private sale of the undivided one-fourth interest of said ward in sw qr sw qr 11-55-21 to Elmer Adkins for \$325, which is approved by the court and deed ordered made to purchaser.

E. M. Williams, executor of the estate of Geo. W. Williams, deceased, presents his final settlement of said estate, which is approved, and balance of \$647.27 is ordered paid to E. M. Williams as trustee of Sam'l. Williams according to the provisions of the last will of the said Geo. W. Williams.

It appearing from the annual settlement of Amanda Williams, executrix of the estate of Ed. Williams, that the personal assets of said estate are insufficient to pay debts due by said estate, said executrix is granted an or-

der to sell lots 11 and 12 in block 30 in the city of Salisbury at public or private sale for cash for the purpose of paying said debts.

L. W. Crew, guardian and curator of the estate of Isaac Cupp, having become a non-resident of the state of Missouri, it is ordered that said Crew's authority as guardian and curator of said estate be and is hereby revoked, and O. P. Ray is appointed said Cupp's guardian and curator in his official capacity as public administrator.

On application of Margaret O'Riley, it is ordered that she be and is hereby appointed administratrix of the estate of the estate of Patrick O'Riley, deceased. Bond in the sum of \$4,000 approved, with Luke G. O'Riley, Mary O'Riley and Patrick E. O'Riley as securities. J. M. Wiseman and Wm. Clavin appointed as witnesses to assist in making inventory.

Geo. T. Johnson, guardian and curator of the heirs of C. M. Allega, deceased, presents report of his private sale of an undivided one-fifteenth interest of Kittie E. and Missouri Elvira Allega, minor heirs of C. M. Allega, in e hf ne qr 23, and 20 acres, e hf nw qr ne qr 23, all in 53-18, to L. C. Wells for \$266.66, which said sale is approved and deed ordered made to purchaser.

The action of the clerk of this court in vacation Sept. 3, 1902, in appointing John H. Phelps guardian and curator of the estate of Benjamin Phelps, a minor heir of J. O. Phelps, deceased, is hereby revoked and disapproved and O. P. Ray is appointed guardian and curator of said minor, who is under 14 years of age, in the said Ray's

official capacity as public administrator.

Thos. Karcher, guardian and curator of Albert M. Karcher, presents report of private sale of one-fourth interest of said ward, minor heir of Elizabeth Karcher, deceased, in 80 acres, w hf se qr 2, and 80 acres, e pt sw qr 2-53-17 to Wm. Hood for \$2,800; also 55 acres, e pt nw qr 12-53-17 to N. E. Mosher, for \$275, which said reports are examined and approved and deeds ordered made to purchasers.

Albelbert Burandt, guardian and curator of Louisa Burandt, a person of unsound mind, presents petition for order of sale of the undivided one-sixth interest of said ward in nw qr sw qr 13, and 30 acres, w pt ne qr sw qr 13, ne qr se qr 14, all in 52-18, for the purpose of defraying said ward's expenses at the hospital for the insane. Facts found as represented, and said guardian and curator, by his attorney-in-fact, O. F. Smith, is granted, order for the public or private sale of said real estate for cash.

M. A. Knappenberger, executor of the estate of John Knappenberger, presents final settlement of said John Knappenberger, former guardian and curator of Ann E. Cross, which is examined and approved, and it is ordered that the said M. A. Knappenberger pay to Geo. W. Rucker, the present guardian and curator of the said Ann E. Cross, all assets in his hands belonging to the estate of the said Ann E. Cross, and the said M. A. Knappenberger showing that said order has been complied with, the estate of John Knappenberger is discharged from further liability as guardian and curator of said Ann E. Cross.